

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 30 public bills, H.R. 1036–1065; 2 private bills, H.R. 1066–1067; and; 13 resolutions, H.J. Res. 27–36; H. Con. Res. 81, and H. Res. 133–134 were introduced. **Pages H940–42**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H942–43**

Reports Filed: No reports were filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative La Hood to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H851**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. James T. Akers, National Chaplain, The American Legion. **Page H851**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Congratulating ASME on their 125th anniversary: S. Con. Res. 13, congratulating ASME on their 125th anniversary, celebrating the achievements of ASME members, and expressing the gratitude of the American people for ASME's contributions; and

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Ensuring the protection of beneficiaries of United States humanitarian assistance: H.R. 912, to ensure the protection of beneficiaries of United States humanitarian assistance, by a 2/3 yea and nay vote of 416 yeas with none voting “nay” and one voting “present”, Roll No. 43. **Pages H854–59, H867–68**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:55 a.m. and reconvened at 2:05 p.m. **Page H859**

Job Training Improvement Act of 2005: The House passed H.R. 27, to enhance the workforce investment system of the Nation by strengthening one-stop career centers, providing for more effective governance arrangements, promoting access to a more comprehensive array of employment, training, and related services, establishing a targeted approach to serving youth, and improving performance accountability, by a recorded vote of 224 yeas to 220 noes, Roll No 48. **Pages H859–67, H868–917**

Rejected the Kildee motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Education and the Workforce with instructions to report the bill back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 197 yeas to 228 noes, Roll No. 47.

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The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and now printed in the bill, was consid-

ered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. **Pages H916–16**

Rejected:

Kildee amendment (no. 1 printed in H. Rept. 109–11) that sought to strike all provisions related to youth (by a recorded vote of 200 yeas to 222 noes, Roll No. 44); **Pages H912–13**

Velázquez amendment (no. 2 printed in H. Rept. 109–11) that sought to allow unemployed workers to use their Personal Reemployment Account funds to cover the borrower guarantee costs of 7(a) loans (by a recorded vote of 202 yeas to 221 noes, Roll No. 45); and **Pages H913–14**

Scott (VA) amendment (no. 3 printed in H. Rept. 109–11) that sought to strike the provision that protects the hiring rights of faith-based organizations when the participate in WIA programs (by a recorded vote of 186 yeas to 239 noes, Roll No. 46). **Page H914**

H. Res. 126, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a yea and nay vote of 227 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 42. **Pages H866–67**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:56 p.m. and reconvened at 3:15 p.m. **Page H866**

Presidential Messages: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress of the continuation of the national emergency blocking the property of persons undermining democratic processes or institutions in Zimbabwe—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 109–12); and **Page H917**

Read a message from the President where in transmitted a report relating to the interdiction of aircraft engaged in illicit drug trafficking—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 109–13). **Page H917**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on **Page H924**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea and nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H866–67, H867–68, H912–13, H913–14, H914, H916, H916–17. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:38 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Under Secretary for Food and Safety. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Merle Pierson, Acting Under Secretary, Food Safety; Barbara J. Masters, Acting Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service; and Dennis Kaplan, Budget Officer.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Army Posture. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: Francis J. Harvey, Secretary; and GEN. J. Schoomaker, USA, Chief of Staff.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Agencies held a hearing on HIV/AIDS Budget. Testimony was heard from Ambassador Randall L. Tobias, U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator.

THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on The Department of Homeland Security held a hearing on Secretary of Homeland Security. Testimony was heard from Michael Chertoff, Secretary of Homeland Security.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Secretary of the Interior. Testimony was heard from Gale A. Norton, Secretary of the Interior.

MILITARY QUALITY OF LIFE, AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life, and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Defense Privatization Issues. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: William A. Armbruster, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Privatization and Partnerships, Department of the Army; Wayne Arny, Deputy Assistant Secretary, In-

stallations and Facilities, Department of the Navy; Fred Kuhn, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Installations, Department of the Air Force; and Phil Grone, Deputy Under Secretary, Installations and Environment.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Department of Defense Budget Overview. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Tina W. Jonas, Under Secretary, Comptroller; and Phil Grone, Deputy Under Secretary, Installations and Environment.

SCIENCE, THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE, JUSTICE, AND COMMERCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Secretary of Commerce. Testimony was heard from Carlos M. Gutierrez, Secretary of Commerce.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST FISCAL YEAR 2006

Committee on Armed Services: Continued hearings on the Fiscal Year 2006 National Defense Authorization budget request. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: GEN John Abizaid, USA, Combatant Commander, U.S. Central Command and GEN Bryan D. Brown, USA, Combatant Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST FISCAL YEAR 2006

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Projection Forces held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2006 National Defense Authorization budget request—Navy Research and Development: Programs in Support of the War on Terrorism, Naval Transformation, and Future Naval Capabilities. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: John J. Young, Assistant Secretary, Research, Development and Acquisition; VADM Joseph A. Sestak, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Warfare Requirements and Programs; VADM Lewis W. Crenshaw, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Resources, Requirements and Assessments; RADM Jay M. Cohen, USN, Chief of Naval Research; LTG Robert Magnus, USMC, Deputy Commandant, Programs and Resources; and LTG James N. Mattis, USMC, Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST FISCAL YEAR 2006

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing on the National Defense Authorization budget request. Testimony was heard